

Vermont 2013-2014 DCF Authors: Program Information

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The following reduced rates are for VT schools only (rates negotiable)

Presentations (1 hour):

Usually for assembly-style school visits. Journey to publication (biography) and life as a writer. Fifty minute speech with PowerPoint followed by 10 minute Q&A.

Maximum # of students: No limit.

Fee: \$450

Q&A Sessions (1 hour):

For book groups and classes who have read Jo's book(s) and prepared questions ahead of time.

Maximum # of students: 50

Fee: \$200

Writing Workshops (1 hour):

A series of fun writing exercises designed for students of all levels.

Maximum # of students: 25

Fee: \$250

Day-long school visit:

A combination of 3 presentations (any combination of the above)

Fee: \$800

Ages: 10+

Length: 1 hour

Fee: Varies by program. Plus mileage reimbursement.

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Dragons!

A book talk for grades 3-5, featuring *The Dragon of Lonely Island*, with discussion of the writing and publishing process, and the fantasy genre in general.

Books and More Books

A book talk on one or more of her books, covering the writing process, how publishing works, book genres, and the huge number of possibilities for creative book formats.

Mark Twain's Mantelpiece Writing Workshop

A general talk about the writing process plus hands-on writing exercises. Among these are "Mark Twain's Mantelpiece" – based on a (real) game in which Mark Twain let his kids choose miscellaneous objects to line up on the mantelpiece, then used them to tell a story – and story-starter

cards and games. Adaptable for a wide range of ages.

Ages: Grades 3-8

Length: About an hour

Fee: \$300

Special requirements: The usual seasonal limitation for Vermont: snow.

PHOEBE STONE

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In her presentations and in her workshops for children from fourth grade through sixth grade, Phoebe Stone will discuss the process of creating a novel with characters, a sense of place and a voice, including style, word choice and elements of sound with an ear for rhythm and an eye for the visual. With younger children, she will discuss and unfold the art of picture book making with explorations into various techniques and materials. She also likes to explore writing poetry with children of all ages. Phoebe brings with her various power point presentations, original art and examples of books in various stages and discusses many aspects of writing and art.

Ages: PreK-6th grade

Length: One hour sessions or workshops adding up to a full day

Fee: \$900-\$1,000 per day / \$350-\$400 per hour (depending on distance traveled)

Special requirements: Capabilities for PowerPoint presentations

S. S. TAYLOR (Sarah Stewart Taylor)

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Sarah is the author of a mystery series for adult readers and, for younger readers, a graphic novel (with Ben Towle), *Amelia Earhart: This Broad Ocean*, as well as a new series of adventure novels for middle-grade readers. The first in the series is *The Expeditioners and the Treasure of Drowned Man's Canyon*. She loves to talk to kids about writing and the process of creating the characters and alternate future world of *The Expeditioners*. She also runs full-day writing workshops that can be tailored to the school's/library's needs.

Ages: Grades 3-8, generally, though writing workshops can be tailored for older kids.

Length: Sarah is happy to do programs of any length, including 1-2 hour talk with reading and question and answer session, or full-day, multi-class writing workshops.

Fee: Varies by program length and distance, but generally \$200-\$300 for one-hour program within Vermont or New Hampshire. Block booking available.

Special requirements: Projector (optional), paper and pencils for writing workshops.